

Smooth Functions

➤ **Eventually nondecreasing function:**

$$f(n_1) < f(n_2), \quad \text{for } n_0 \leq n_1 < n_2$$

e.g., n , $\log n$, n^2 , 2^n

Is $\sin(n)$ eventually nondecreasing?

➤ **Smooth function:**

$f(n)$ is eventually nondecreasing and $f(2n) \in \Theta(f(n))$

- $f(n)$ cannot grow too fast, e.g., n , $\log n$, n^2
- 2^n , $n!$ are not smooth functions

Properties of Smooth Functions

- If $f(n)$ is a smooth function, for any constant integer $b \geq 2$

$$f(bn) \in \Theta(f(n)) \quad (\text{See Appendix B for the proof})$$

- **Smoothness rule:**

$T(n)$ is eventually non decreasing and $f(n)$ is a smooth function

If $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$ for $n = b^k, b \geq 2$

then $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$ for every n

- Analogous results hold for big O and big Ω

(See Appendix B for the proof)

A General Divide-and-Conquer Recurrence: Master Theorem

$T(n)$ is an eventually nondecreasing function

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \text{ where } f(n) \in \Theta(n^d), a \geq 1, b \geq 2, c > 0, d \geq 0$$

$$T(1) = c \text{ -- General Divide-and-Conquer Recurrence}$$

Closed form solution:
$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$a < b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$$

$$a = b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^d \log n)$$

$$a > b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

Example of Using Master Theorem

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad a = 1, b = 2, f(n) = 1$$

$$T(1) = 2$$



$$T(n) = n^{\log_2 1} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \frac{1}{1} \right] = n^0 [T(1) + \log_2 n] = 2 + \log_2 n$$

$$a = 1, b = 2, d = 0, \quad \longrightarrow \quad a = b^d \quad \longrightarrow \quad T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

Example of Using Master Theorem

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 3n \quad \longrightarrow \quad a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = 3n$$

$$T(1) = 2$$

$$T(n) = n^{\log_2 2} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \frac{3 * 2^j}{2^j} \right] = n^1 [T(1) + 3 \log_2 n]$$

$$= 2n + 3n \log_2 n$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, d = 1, \longrightarrow a = b^d \quad \longrightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

Example of Using Master Theorem

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n \quad \longrightarrow \quad a = 3, b = 2, f(n) = n$$

$$T(1) = 2$$

$$\longrightarrow T(n) = n^{\log_2 3} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \frac{2^j}{3^j} \right] = n^{\log_2 3} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^j \right]$$

How to calculate $\sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^j$?

In Appendix A, $\sum_{i=0}^n a^i = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1}$ ($a \neq 1$)

Example of Using Master Theorem

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n \quad \longrightarrow \quad a = 3, b = 2, f(n) = n$$

$$T(1) = 2$$

$$\longrightarrow T(n) = n^{\log_2 3} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^j \right] \approx 4n^{\log_2 3}$$

Order of growth? $\Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$

$$a = 3, b = 2, d = 1,$$

$$\longrightarrow a > b^d \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$$

More Example of Using Master Theorem

$$a < b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$$

$$a = b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^d \log n)$$

$$a > b^d \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad a=2, b=2, d=0, \boxed{a > b^d} \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + n \quad \longrightarrow \quad a=1, b=2, d=1, \boxed{a < b^d} \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad a=3, b=2, d=2, \boxed{a < b^d} \quad T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

Summary: Methods for Solving Recurrence Relations

Forward substitutions

Backward substitutions

Linear 2nd order recurrences with constant coefficients

Following the solution to important recurrence type if applicable

Master Theorem for general divide-and-conquer recurrence

Reading Assignment

Chapter 3.3 Closest-pair and Convex-Hull Problems by Brute Force

Chapter 3.4 Exhaustive Search